GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:177
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2005
TERRORIST HIDING IN MYANMAR
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Myanmar have signed an agreement according to which Myanmar will take action against the terrorists hiding in that country as reported in the `Dainik Jagran` dated January 9, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has intensified surveillance on Indo-Myanmar border;

(d) if so, whether terrorists activities in border areas have declined;

(e) if so, the total number of terrorists killed and the number of armed personnel martyred in the border areas;

(f) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to nab terrorists in the border areas; and

(g) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f)&(g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.177 REGARDING TERRORIST HIDING IN MYANMAR TO BE ANSWERED ON 15TH MARCH 2005.

(a)&(b): A Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India and the Government of Union of Myanmar was signed on the 25th October 2004 with the objective of enhancing mutual cooperation in dealing with issues relating to terrorisim, illicit trafficking in narcotics drugs and psychotropic substances, smuggling in arms & ammunition, organized crime, money laundering, international economic crime and cyber crime.

(c),(d)&(e): Assam Rifles which is under Army's operational control, has been deployed along the Indo-Myanmar Border for border guarding duties and counter insurgency operations. The number of violent incidents in the North Eastern States has declined in the year 2004 as compared to the previous year. During the year 2004, the number of extremists and security forces killed in the North Eastern States was 381 and 98 respectively.

(f)&(g): The Government has taken various steps to control the insurgency in North Eastern States. These include, inter alia, deployment of Central Police Forces and Army in the States, coordinated action by Army, Central Police Forces and State Police for counter insurgency operations, declaration of insurgent groups as unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967, declaration of "disturbed area" under the armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958, reimbursement of security related expenditure to the State Government and modernization/upgradation of State Police Forces. Regular review of the situation both at State and Central Government level is also being made. The Government has also given an open offer to militant groups to adjure the path of violence and seek peaceful solution of their demands within the framework of Constitution of India.